

Morris County Heritage Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

Present: HC Commissioners Kathy Murphy, Larry Fast, Epsey Farrell, John Dunado, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek, Amery Vasso, Carol Barkin, T.C. McCourt; Director Peg Shultz, History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci, and Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan

Absent/Excused: Amery Vasso

Call to Order: Director Peg Shultz called the meeting to order via Zoom, due to social distancing, at 9:38 a.m. She read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Election of 2021 Officers: Kathy Murphy was re-elected Chair, Larry Fast was re-elected Vice Chair, Epsey Farrell was re-elected Treasurer, and T.C. McCourt was elected Secretary.

Meeting Dates for 2021: Second Tuesday of each month. No meeting in August.

Sub-Committee Assignments for 2020: Assignments remain the same except:

- Marker Program - add John Dunado, remove Amery Vasso
- Re-Grant Program/Grants: Kathy Murphy & Epsey Farrell to Co-Chair, remove Amery Vasso

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the December 8, 2020, meeting.

Financial Report: The 2021 departmental temporary budget was approved.

Chair's Report:

- Chair Murphy wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Kathy Murphy and Larry Fast were reappointed by the Commissioners to serve five-year terms that expire on December 31, 2025.

Office Report:

- The office has completed performing year-end duties and administrative tasks.
- 2020 grants have been settled and work is beginning on 2021.
- The microfilm add-on will be installed on January 15th.
- Ms. Shultz is working on acquiring a Commission Zoom account, but may need to move to another format to follow OPMA guidelines.

Archives Technician Report: Ms. Hefferan continues to work on several recent research requests.

History Program Development Specialist Report: Mr. Palatucci continues to work with the website update committee.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Grants/Re-Grants:** Two of the three grant reviewers have been confirmed; one is pending.
- **Marker Program:** The new entrance markers (4) are on order. Payment has been processed for the repainting that was completed over the summer.
- **Personnel:** Performance reviews have been completed.
- **Publications:** The 50th Anniversary publication was well received. Conversations have begun on the next newsletter. John Dunado is working on an article concerning presidential connections to Morris County.
- **Communication:** Several newsletters were received.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

The next Commission meeting will be held via WebEx on Tuesday, **February 9, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.** Please inform the staff if you are unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

T.C. McCourt
Secretary